

EVENTS BEYOND THE OCEAN.

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A ROYAL PALACE BURNED.

The Magnificent Summer Home of the King of Belgium in Ashes.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 1, 5 P. M.—The royal palace at Laeken, a suburb of this city, is burning.

Princess Clementine, the daughter of the King, had a narrow escape from being burned to death.

Her governess was burned. All the royal collection has been destroyed.

The fire has been prevented from reaching the King's private rooms.

As soon as the fire at Laeken was reported the King and Queen suspended the New Year's Day reception and hastened thither.

They witnessed the total destruction of this magnificent palace, their usual summer residence.

It said the fire was caused by a defective stove in the officers' quarters.

The immense value of the collection as to destruction of art treasures that cannot be replaced.

Princess Clementine's governess was suffocated.

Much plate has been saved, but the valuable pictures, the gobelin tapestries, and the great library are all consumed.

The extensive greenhouses and stables are not touched.

The King is very anxious about the statue in the grounds.

There is little hope that any of it is saved.

The only occupants of the palace were the Princess Clementine, aged 17; a lady attendant, and her governess, Drancourt.

The governess, having escaped with the others, returned to the Princess's apartments to secure some valuables and was suffocated there.

The Queen is greatly grieved at her fate.

Another poignant source of regret for Her Majesty is that she loses by this fire interesting souvenirs of her children, especially of her son, who died at the age of 12.

Napoleon I. resided for a time in this castle, but it has since been much enlarged and improved.

The fire was of incendiary origin, and was kindled at three different places.

The governess perished while searching for the Princess Clementine, whom she supposed to be still in the palace.

All the private papers of the King and of Leopold I. and the Queen's jewels were destroyed.

Only the walls are now standing.

MRS. LANGTRY IN RETIREMENT.

She Marries Herself in an Obscure Hotel.

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Since that date the London papers have liberally paraphrased the lady and her movements about the Continent.

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She buried herself in this obscure resort, and explains her mysterious absence by laying claim to weakness of the lungs and a dread of influenza if she ventured to Paris.

Those who are in a position to know say that Mrs. Langtry has recently received numerous cables and letters from America, which she has not answered.

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The scene is brilliant beyond anything that has occurred in the city for many months.

The entire audience rose to its feet upon the entrance of the Emperor and greeted him with applause and bravo that lasted long after he had entered his box.

It is regarded as the most brilliant performance that has been accorded him since his accession.

The German military attaché at Paris and St. Petersburg are here, and this morning they were present at an extended conference with the Emperor and Prince Bismarck.

They submitted such evidence of the martial activity of Russia and France as warrants Bismarck in asking increased appropriation for the German army.

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The Son of a New York Lawyer Dies From Unexplained Injuries.

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